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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To provide expanded cooperation by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with Taiwan.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 933**

To authorize programs for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal year 2025, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHMITT

Viz:

1 At the end of title VII, add the following:

2 **SEC. 729. SPACE COOPERATION WITH TAIWAN.**

3 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator, with  
5 the concurrence of the Secretary of State and in coordina-  
6 tion with the Secretary of Commerce (acting through the  
7 Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
8 Administration), may seek to engage Taiwan relating to  
9 expanding cooperation regarding civilian space activities.

10 (b) **COOPERATION EFFORTS.**—In seeking to expand  
11 cooperation regarding civilian space activities between

1 NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-  
2 tration, and Taiwan under subsection (a), the Adminis-  
3 trator and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and  
4 Atmospheric Administration, with the concurrence of the  
5 Secretary of State, may carry out efforts to identify and  
6 pursue space exploration, space applications, and science  
7 initiatives in areas of mutual benefit, consistent with the  
8 Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.)  
9 and applicable export regulations, and taking all appro-  
10 priate measures to protect sensitive information, intellec-  
11 tual property, trade secrets, and economic interests of the  
12 United States, in the following areas:

13           (1) Satellite programs, space exploration pro-  
14           grams, and atmospheric and weather programs.

15           (2) Personnel exchanges of employees of NASA  
16           and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-  
17           tration with the Taiwan Space Agency.

18           (3) Activities of mutual benefit related to com-  
19           mercial space and atmospheric and weather tech-  
20           nology and services.

21           (c) REPORT.—

22           (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days  
23           after the date of the enactment of this Act and an-  
24           nually thereafter for 5 years, the Administrator, the  
25           Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-

1       pheric Administration, and the Secretary of State,  
2       shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional  
3       committees a report on the implementation of this  
4       section.

5               (2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph  
6       (1) shall include the following:

7                       (A) A description of the activities con-  
8                       ducted between NASA and the National Oce-  
9                       anic and Atmospheric Administration with Tai-  
10                      wan.

11                     (B) An identification of any challenges  
12                     that need to be addressed to expand such co-  
13                     operation.

14                     (C) An overview of efforts undertaken pur-  
15                     suant to this section.

16                     (D) Any other matter the Administrator,  
17                     the Administrator of the National Oceanic and  
18                     Atmospheric Administration, and the Secretary  
19                     of State consider relevant.

20       (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
21       DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-  
22       gressional committees” means—

23                     (1) the Committee on Science, Space, and  
24                     Technology and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
25                     the House of Representatives; and

1           (2) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
2           Transportation and the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
3           tions of the Senate.